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EDUCATION

Villanova University

Expected May 2025

Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Spanish Studies, Latin American Studies

- Related Coursework: Screenwriting, Advanced Film and Video Production, Social Justice Documentary, Creative Writing, Public Speaking, Communication Studies, Visual Communication, Interpersonal Communication, Journalism, Documentary Theories and Practice

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Documentary Director

August 2023 – Current

Stained Glass Films, Villanova Social Justice Documentary - Salvador, Brazil

- Directing an international documentary on social justice with respective initiatives and fundraisers
- Managing all aspects of pre- and post-production overseeing a 9 person group
- Scouting and interviewing 8+ international social justice advocates
- Facilitating triweekly production meetings, drafting storyboard and script

Production Assistant, Grip Department

August 2023 – Current

Deck of Cards Media, Brookville Motion Pictures – NYC, NY, Philadelphia, PA

- Organizing and preparing on-set materials (setting up equipment, props, scenes)
- Collaborating with a 6-person production team, managing schedules, providing on-set support

Chapter President

December 2023 – Current

Delta Gamma Fraternity – Villanova, PA

- Lead and manage an organization with over 235 members
- Lead weekly meetings and oversee CMT and JCMT consisting of over 45 directors
- Correspond with Fraternity & Sorority Affairs on-campus and other University administration
- Represented organization on campus and nationwide that supports Service for Sight.

Radio Host

August 2022 – May 2023

WXVU 89.1 The Roar

- Independently creating and producing a weekly 1.5-hour radio program
- Managing technical aspects, executing successful marketing tactics (graphics for social media, flyers), coordinating guest appearances

Podcast Host

Institute of Study Abroad – Mérida, Mexico

July – August 2023

- Collaborating with a 3-person team to internationally direct and produce a 20-minute podcast
- Supporting indigenous visibility allowing the listener to audibly immerse in the culture, language and environment

SKILLS & ABILITIES

- English (full proficiency), Spanish (Speaking, writing, and reading working proficiency)
- Adobe Creative Suite: Premiere Pro, Photoshop, Lightroom, Illustrator
- Microsoft Office Suite (Microsoft 365)
- Google Workspace
- Professional Digital Cinema Cameras (Black Magic, Canon C100, Sony A7), DSLR Cameras